

became a Companion to Mrs. White. It was when she married second to Mr. Howard, that my aunt Martha Anderson, became Mrs. White's Companion.

Being a Companion was an odd relationship for my aunt was a sort of secretary, manager, housekeeper and elder daughter. She directed the servants, planned meals, met all visitors and went with Mrs. White to "spend the season" at Newport. She was there from about 1886 to the time of Mrs. White's death in 1893.

When Mrs. White died the family gave Aunt Martha the contents of her room. I remember there was a huge, heavy bed, bureau and wash stand. (My cousins sold this in 1926 when Aunt Martha died.) I have a pair of copper candle sticks and one cousin has the desk, part of room's contents.

I also have a lovely little blue mug which Mrs. White gave me one time when Mother took me up there to visit Aunt Martha.

The letters were part of the things from this room and Aunt Martha saved them because she had known Miss Rachel, as a little girl, and had written to her for Mrs. White. I know from references that Miss Rachel had a sister Hester and a sister Elizabeth.

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